

BIRDS I HAVE SEEN.

By Donald Reid, Grade VI-B.
(This essay won first prize in the Women's Civic League Contest.)
The robin is most common, except the English sparrow, around my house. Once in a while I see a little wren.

The robin loves to build its nest in a maple and way under the eaves. One rainy day in April I noticed a robin hop across the lawn, seem to listen and then pull up a big fat angle worm.

One Saturday I didn't have any work to do and thought I would like to have some wren neighbors, so I made a wren house; I got it done and put it up in an apple tree. Of course, I watched it closely until the wrens came. One day when the wrens were busy at their nest an English sparrow came down from his nest in the eaves and tried to hurt the busy little wrens. The wren went into the house, put her head out of the hole and scolded the sparrow with all her might. The sparrow went back.

As I was fishing one day I saw two kingfishers making what I thought the loudest noise they could; they soon began to fight. I watched them until I saw another come and join the fight. After a while they all flew in different directions making the same great noise, and I did not see them again that day. But I did see a flock of grackles. They alighted in a tree directly across from where I was fishing, and began making a rusty squack and raising their tails at the same time. The sun shone on them. It made them so pretty that I thought they ought to make a better noise than that. After a while they arose as one bird and flew away. But another kingfisher came. He went out on the very end of the limb and sat there looking into the river. He sat there until someone came and scared it away. But I had another visitor, the catbird. The catbird is a bluish slate gray, about the size of a robin. He flew into a tree and perched himself there, gave a couple of call-notes, and another one came which I thought was his mate. They sat there a minute not far apart and they both sang a very pretty song. They went away for a while, but came back again with some straw in their beaks, and of course I thought they were going to build their nest; but they did not.

When I went home I saw seven orioles, four gold-finches and two wrens in one tree. The orioles began to fight. The orioles nest is different from most others; it looks like a mitten with no thumb in it. They always build far out on the end of a limb and always up high so the wind can rock the nest.

After a while the orioles stopped fighting. I did not think such pretty birds would fight. I guess the gold-finches got frightened because they flew in different directions. But the orioles kept on fighting. I was hoping the birds would come back, but they didn't. I have seen many nice birds.

I once saw a grackle robbing a robin's nest. It made me wish I had a gun. I do not suppose I could have killed it; I could make it hustle.

I only saw one wood-pecker and it was a redheaded one. I have seen

about two meadow-larks.
The meadow-lark is the size of a robin, it has a yellow breast with a black line around its neck. It builds its nest in fields.

The birds not only have pretty songs and whistles, but they have beautiful feathers. Some birds are killed to get the feathers to trim ladies' hats. I am so glad they are going to pass a law against it.

APPLICATION FOR DRAIN.

To whom it may concern: Be it known that on the 13th day of June, 1911, an application was filed with F. W. Redman, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Gratiot, for the extending, straightening, deepening and tiling a portion of the drain known and designated as the C-4-9-gher branch of the No. 73 drain, located and established in Township of Pine River in the County of Gratiot, State of Michigan, beginning at a point where it intersects with the No. 73 Drain on the west half of the northeast quarter section 5, and extending in a southeasterly direction to a point where it forms a fork in the north half of southeast quarter of section 5. The south fork extending in a southeasterly direction to a point in the south half of southwest quarter of section 4, and then northeast crossing the Ann Arbor Railroad about 80 rods. A branch on the highway between sections 4 and 5 extending south about 100 rods; north fork extending in a northeasterly direction to and across the railroad.

And be it further known that on Saturday, the first day of July, A. D. 1911, a meeting of the township board of the township of Pine River will be held at the township hall at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, for the purpose of determining whether or not the said proposed drain is necessary and conducive to the public health, convenience and welfare; that at such meeting all persons owning land liable to assessments for benefits or whose lands will be crossed by said drain may appear for or against said drain proceedings.

Dated this 20th day of June, 1911.
LEO H. WOOD,
Township Clerk.

THE DEAN RESIGNS.

Miss Margaret Houghawout, dean of Wright Hall and professor of English, has resigned. Miss Haughawout has not announced her plans for the future, except that she will spend the summer in New York city. Miss Haughawout has been a very efficient and capable professor and a thorough-going, sensible dean. Her place in Wright Hall and on the faculty will be hard to fill.

ARCADA FARMERS' CLUB.

The June meeting will be a picnic held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Fink 29th. Everybody is invited. Programme as follows:
Opening song by the club.
Address of welcome by Mr. John Fink.

Recitation by Mrs. H. C. Smith.
Reading by Grove Peck.
Instrumental Music by Mrs. Frank Clow.

Recitation by Mrs. Ralph Hill.
Song by Hazel and Lila Webb.
Reading by Mr. Harry Waldstrom.
Dialogue by Edith Horton, Erma Clark and Edna and Etta Stevens.
Song by Club members.
Recitation by Mrs. Frank Clow.
Reading by John Mattern.
Music by Minnie Withers.
Recitation by Louise Hainline.
Solo by Howard Clows.
Closing Song by the Club.
By order of Committee: Mrs. Grove Peck, Mrs. Fred Rockefeller, Mrs. George Irish and Mrs. H. C. Smith.

PROF. ADAMS TO GO.

Prof. J. Q. Adams, professor of English speech, resigned his professorship here Friday to take a chair of Public Speaking in the University of Louisiana at Baton Rouge, La. The chair is one which has been newly created and Prof. Adams will be at the head of the department. A substantial increase in salary was the main inducement to make the change, but there are other advantages as the southern climate is much preferred to that of the north by both Mr. and Mrs. Adams. The position came unsolicited. A professor in the southern university who was a student at the University of Illinois when Mr. Adams was a professor there recommended him as did also a law professor. The University of Louisiana has intercollegiate relations with the state universities of Texas, Arkansas and Mississippi. Alma is very sorry to lose the professor, as he has raised the Maroon and Cream to its present high standard in public speaking.

MISS HOOD ENTERTAINS

Miss Florence Hood very pleasantly entertained her classmates at her home on Pine Avenue, Wednesday evening. The early part of the evening was spent in a general good time, singing college songs and listening to the new and novel rendition of "Annie Laurie," by that talented duo, the Misses Carey and Seaver. A delicious three-course spread was served to the owls, which they enjoyed immensely.

1911-1912 ALMANIAN STAFF.

At a meeting of the student body, Friday, the following staff was chosen for next year's Almanian:
Managing Editor—D. Royal Blake.
Associate Editor—Harold V. Wilcox.

Athletics Editor—Will Ewing.
News Editor—Maud Hooper.
Alumni Editor—Frank Hurst.
Business Manager—Edward Brehm.
Mailing Clerk—Lester McAllister.

THEY APPRECIATE IT

June 22, 1911.

Editor Record:
Through the columns of your paper we wish to thank the G. A. R. Boys for the check of \$5.00 received for our benefit and assure you that it was heartily appreciated.

Alma Military Band.

The Alma Military Band will assist the Fraternal organizations in their Memorial exercises next Sunday in the Park at 3:00 p. m.

LOCAL HAPPENINGS.

Benj Mindell spent Sunday in Grand Rapids.

Mrs Race spent Saturday afternoon in Stanton.

Harry Nelson was in Oaklev the first of the week.

Mr and Mrs L Hutchinson spent Sunday in Ithaca.

Miss Laura Crandell spent Saturday at North Star.

Hugh Brainard and J P Losey were at Bass Lake, Sunday.

N W Strable of Shepherd was an Alma visitor, Monday.

Parties up the river are of daily occurrence at the present time.

Miss Francis Mason of Blanchard was an Alma visitor Saturday.

Mrs Frederick Strong of Owosso is the guest of her son, W D Strong.

Miss Wanelia Byerly of Owosso is a guest of Mr and Mrs W D Strong.

Mr and Mrs McPhee and daughter Violet spent Sunday at Crystal Lake.

The Board of Supervisors meet in special session next Monday at Ithaca.

A representative of the Chicago Rug Co. was in the city the first of the week.

Mrs. Myrtle Francis is the guest of friends in Chicago for a couple of weeks.

Mr and Mrs J G Kress spent Saturday in Big Rapids with their son, James L Kress.

Mrs. Wilcox of Aberdeen, Washington, is visiting her mother, Mrs. Walls on River Ave.

D L Johnson and family spent Sunday at their cottage at Bass Lake, Montcalm county.

Miss Rose Messinger is home from Chicago and will spend the summer months in this city.

Miss Jennie Pollock spent last week in Detroit visiting friends. She reports a delightful time.

Misses Helen and Hulda Latimer of Detroit are in the city visiting friends and relatives for a few days.

There will be the usual services in the Episcopal church this coming Sunday both morning and evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Ellison were at West Branch the first of the week the guests of Mrs. Ellison's parents.

W R McIntyre, St Louis' popular druggist, is after brook trout on the stream near Harrison, Clare county.

Mrs J C Wolfe returned Monday from Flint where she spent two weeks with her sister, Mrs Thomas Bartlett.

Mr. and Mrs. Llewellyn Jutten of Pasadena, Cal. were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Richardson last Saturday.

George Bildson spent Sunday with his family in this city. Mr Bildson has a very desirable position in Grand Rapids.

The Episcopal Sunday school children will be treated to an automobile

ride and picnic in the park some time next week.

James Kline of the Messinger dry goods store, attended the Alumni banquet of the St Louis high school last Friday evening.

Mrs Fred Watson and two children of Los Angeles, Cal., are the guests of her brother, Bert Thompson and other friends in the city.

Miss Haughawout left Monday for a visit with friends in Grand Rapids and Martin, after which she will spend the summer in the east.

Oral Misenar and wife left Monday morning for East Jordan, where they will spend the summer months. Mr. Misenar has accepted a position with the Chicago Rug Co.

Mrs John Knoertzer, who has been seriously ill for the past ten days, at the home of her parents, Mr and Mrs George Irish of Arcadia township, is reported better at the present time.

E. A. Phillips of the Fenton Screen Door Co. spent Wednesday with his cousin, R. A. Wood. Mr. Phillips was on an auto tour and stopped off in Alma Thursday to attend the college graduation exercises.

C B Chatfield of the Chatfield Milling Co., of Bay City has been elected treasurer of Alma College to succeed W T Knowlton, who resigned in order that he might be enabled to give more time to his personal business.

The A J Hall property on Center street, recently occupied by Win Wilson and family is being thoroughly overhauled, hard wood floors placed in the lower rooms, an addition being built and when painted and completed will be one of the up-to-date houses in that part of the city.

George T Churchill and family left Tuesday for Jackson from which city they intended going to Union City and Constantine for a visit with friends.

Mr Churchill opens a business college about August 1st in the city of Jackson. His many friends wish him success in his undertaking.

Frank Rudick of the Alma Journal, attired in a navy suit of brown boarded the 12:45 A R R train last Saturday and availing himself of one of the seats in the rear of the observation car announced to his friends that he would spend Sunday at Frankfort. Here is hoping Frank had a good time.

Marshall Allen of this city left Tuesday for Sebawaing, where he has been tendered the position of Assistant Superintendent of the Michigan Sugar Co's factory. The many friends of Mr. Allen extend congratulations. The Sugar Co. have secured the services of a good man and Mr Allen an excellent position.

Miss Galla Follett and Miss Helen Doane entertained the members of the Freshman class of the high school, Friday evening at a lawn party at the Follett home at 213 W End St. In honor of Miss Marian Hood, who will soon leave the city for the west. Outdoor games were enjoyed and refreshments of wafers, ice cream and Freshman punch were served.

Robert Cook was elected M J A A Director by the athletic association of the college last week, which means that Mr Cook will represent Alma in her athletic relations with the other colleges of the M J A A.

Adelbert Lindley, who has been in Alma the last few days settling up the affairs of the college annual, left for his home in Lupton Tuesday afternoon.

The Simon Messinger Dry Goods store have a representative in the Chicago market this week. This representative is looking for bargains in Dry Goods for the citizens of Alma and vicinity, and from Mr Messinger's well earned reputation in this line it will pay our citizens to watch his advertisements closely. The readers of the Record are assured some money saving offers in staple dry goods.

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Great Clean-up Sale

of children's colored wash dresses in gingham, linens, percales and chambrays. The patterns and colorings are very desirable and up-to-date, and the garments are well fitting well made and full in size. They are worth to \$1.25. **79c**
For Friday and Saturday only

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A new lot of Waists just received, made of splendid quality lawn in the popular peasant sleeve style, the front is very prettily embroidered, with Dutch neck, and insertions of cluny lace that will outwear the waist. They are worth to 1.50 **98c**
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